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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR  
DECEMBER 9

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR  
DECEMBER 9, 1976:

SPOKESMAN: WE HAVE NOTICED A NUMBER OF RECENT STATEMENTS  
SUGGESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER OIL-CONSUMING  
COUNTRIES COULD ABSORB AN OIL PRICE INCREASE WITHOUT  
DETRIMENTAL IMPACT TO THEIR ECONOMIES. I WANT TO  
REPEAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT NO OIL PRICE  
INCREASE IS JUSTIFIED AND COULD HAVE DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES  
ON THE WORLD ECONOMY -- THAT IS, ANY OIL PRICE INCREASE  
COULD HAVE -- DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WORLD'S  
ECONOMY.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC  
IMPACT OF A PRICE INCREASE -- ANY PRICE INCREASE -- WHICH  
WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU IN THE OFFICE AFTER THIS  
BRIEFING.

I WOULD ALSO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CALL YOUR ATTENTION

TO TWO SPEECHES BY UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS WHICH DEALT WITH  
THIS QUESTION, ONE OF THEM ON MONDAY OF THIS WEEK, AND  
THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.

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